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SUBJECT: JESSICA KATZ: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IN US

REF: (A) MOSCOW 8287, (B) AMBASSADOR TOON'S LETTER TO
DR. PRESS, DATED APRIL 17,1978

1. ON APRIL 27 MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH)
OFFICIAL TELEPHONED EMBOFF, IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S
INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF JESSICA KATZ WITH MINISTER OF
HEALTH BORIS PETROVSKIY (REF A). MOH REP STATED THAT
JESSICA KATZ HAD BEEN TREATED AT A MOSCOW HOSPITAL BY
COMPETENT SOVIET PHYSICIANS AND THAT HER CONDITION IS
IMPROVING. MOH REP STATED THAT SOVIET SPECIALISTS DO NOT
BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY FOR JESSICA TO BE TREATED IN THE
US, AND ADDED THAT A LONG TRIP AT THIS TIME COULD
POSSIBLY BE DANGEROUS TO HER HEALTH. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE
TO EMBOFF'S QUERY, THE MOH REP INDICATED THAT IF
JESSICA'S PARENTS AGAIN REQUESTED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO
THE US FOR TREATMENT, THE SOVIET MEDICAL SPECIALISTS
WOULD NOT OPPOSE THIS REQUEST.

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2. WE WILL PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO JESSICA'S PARENTS
AND INQUIRE WHETHER THE CHILD'S CONDITION ACTUALLY HAS
IMPROVED. A DECISION BY SOVIET MEDICAL SPECIALISTS
NOT TO OPPOSE MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE US DOES NOT MEAN
THAT A RENEWED REQUEST FROM JESSICA'S PARENTS FOR PER-
MISSION TO TRAVEL TO THE US WOULD BE APPROVED, SINCE OVIR
AND OTHER SOVIET AGENCIES BEYOND MOH ARE ALSO INVOLVED

IN THE FINAL DECISION. TOON

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